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Make Dreams Come True returns for fifth year

DARREN LUM
County Life Staff

Finding that perfect little red dress or slick, dashing suit is a definite challenge for young people living in the Highlands. Rather than travel out of the county, incurring great cost and time, area students can find formal attire for no cost with the community initiative Make Dreams Come True.

For the fifth year, students from Grade 8 to 12 intending to go to their prom or graduation will be able to choose from a selection of close to 450 dresses and from more than a few dozen suits, as well as shoes, ties, purses and jewelry.

Held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on March 9 at Castle Antiques' attic in Haliburton, the event has grown from a single day, largely volunteer driven to gaining the support of local businesses and drawing people from outside the county through word of mouth, social media and the news media.

The drivers behind it have been co-founders Jenn Abbott and Nancy Lowes.

The event just keeps growing, as it has helped students with enhancing their formal experiences at dances and other social events during the year. Abbott said she continues to do this for the joy it brings the young participants and being able to give back to the community. She appreciates how this continues as the result of a concerted community effort.

"It's a community that is coming together being able to help our local grad and prom students. Without the donations, we wouldn't be able to do it," she said.

In addition to the free clothing, there will also be on-site tailoring and there will be gift bags and items such as nail polish available for free. Local businesses in Haliburton and Minden helped with donations while stores such as the Todd's Independent Grocer in Haliburton, Rexall in Haliburton, Pharmasave Minden and the Highland Pharmacy Remedy Rx in Minden have donated make-up and related products.

New this year for participants are photo sessions with photographers.

Participants, who agree to wear their ensembles from Make Dreams Come True in the photo, are eligible to a free session that will be scheduled with Chantel Smith (Chantel Smith Photography) in Minden or Leeann Patricia (Leeann Patricia Photography) in Haliburton.

Anyone interested in donating articles of clothing or related items can arrange it with Jenn Abbott at 705-286-0906 or take articles to Castle Antiques in Haliburton.

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Minden resident wins early bird draw

Peter Oyler holds up the winning Cash for Care early bird draw ticket on Thursday, Feb. 14 at the Haliburton hospital. Minden resident Don Selbie was the $500 winner. The draw is a fundraiser for Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. There are six more chances to win with three early bird draws, each worth $500, and three final draws worth $20,000, $2,000 and $1,000 on May 30. The next early bird draw is March 15. More than 3,500 tickets, 75 per cent of those available, have been sold. Funds raised help to support the purchase of medical equipment. /DARREN LUM Staff

Online prenatal program offers information for soon-to-be parents

Pregnant, but not sure what to expect? Then the health unit's new online prenatal program is for you.

This month, the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit is launching its new – and free – prenatal program website that allows local residents to access reliable and accurate information on pregnancy, childbirth and parenting. To register and login to the e-learning program, visit the health unit website (www.hkpr.on.ca), contact us via Facebook (www.facebook.com/HKPRHealthyFamilies), or call 1-866-888-4577, ext. 5003.

The online prenatal learning option will improve and expand service to expectant parents in Haliburton County, Northumberland County and the City of Kawartha Lakes.

"We can now bring the prenatal program directly to you," says Julie Ghafur, a public health nurse with the HKPR District Health Unit. "Many people prefer online learning, so this will allow them to access and refer back to information when, where, and how they like."

The local health unit is one of 11 public health agencies in Ontario collaborating with the company, Injoy, on the delivery of the online prenatal program. The site includes resources, videos, fun quizzes, learning activities, helpful web links (including to local pregnancy support services), downloadable resource sheets, and a parents' toolbox loaded with interactive features. The onlin e prenatal program has another advantage – there are no commercials or sponsored content.

"Many pregnancy and parenting websites have ads, pop-up windows and other sponsored information that can distract and take away from learning," Ghafur says. "The health unit's new online prenatal program is intended to be a perfect fit for you… trusted and unbiased education, your way."

Submitted by the HKPR Health Unit

Haliburton Forest fundraises for fire department

Dysart et al Fire Chief Mike Iles (far right) accepts a cheque for $15,000 from Haliburton Forest managing director Malcolm Cockwell and crew after the 30th annual Haliburton Forest poker run generated the cash in donations for Haliburton fire services from 471 participants on Feb.9. The all-day event, in which participants ride trails to collect tokens they trade in for a chance to draw the highest poker hand and win a new snowmobile, usually raises about $10,000 for the fire department. Funds help the fire department buy equipment that assists with more efficient emergency response. In the past, that has included a larger safer boat, battery operated jaws of life spreaders and battery operated flood lights./ Photo submitted

Scholarship available for youth making community safer

Are you a young person striving to make the world a safer place? Then why not apply for the Sarah Beth Therien Memorial Scholarship, a one-time award of $2,000 recognizing safety leaders among Canada's youth.

The Canada Safety Council and the family of Sarah Beth Therien created the memorial scholarship in 2013 to honour the memory of Sarah Beth Therien. Sarah Beth was a valued employee of the Canada Safety Council and a passionate advocate for children's and traffic safety when she died of an unexpected heart arrhythmia on June 17, 2006. She was 32. Colleagues remember her as a kind and generous spirit who was always ready to help others.

Before her sudden illness, she had made her family aware of her desire to be an organ donor. But her condition was classified as a "cardiac death," and under existing Canadian medical protocol she would not have been eligible to become an organ donor. At the time, the Canadian medical community only accepted organ donation after brain death, for example, from strokes, injury, or trauma. When it became clear that Sarah Beth would not recover, her parents, Emile and Beth Therien, lobbied strongly to have the wishes of their daughter honoured. After their heart wrenching decision to remove life support, Sarah Beth became the first Canadian in nearly four decades to donate her organs after cardiac death. The gift of her kidneys gave back active, productive life to two individuals, and her corneas restored full sight to two more. Sarah Beth's death marked a new era of organ donation in Canada, and more than 1,000 transplantations from cardiac death donors have been performed since.

The competition for the Sarah Beth Therien Memorial Scholarship is open to Canadian citizens and permanent residents who are full-time undergraduate students, or graduating high school students entering a recognized post-secondary program in September 2019. To apply, write us a short essay (500 to 700 words) explaining how you improve safety in your community, and complete the application form. Go to https://canadasafetycouncil.org and scroll down to "news" to find out more. Applications will be accepted until June 30, 2019.

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Celebrated classical musicians set to perform

The Haliburton Concert Series's 2019 season is one of its most exciting ever: three concerts featuring top-rate classical music performers will be presented in Haliburton this spring and fall.

On Sunday, May 5 we will welcome the Rolston String Quartet, a young Canadian prize-winning quartet that is rising quickly on the international stage. The group was listed as one of CBC's "30 Hot Canadian Musicians under 30" in 2016, and they continue to win prizes at home and abroad. This promises to be a memorable afternoon.

Pianist James Parker will be the performer on Sunday, Sept. 22. *The Globe and Mail* has said he has "10 of the nimblest fingers in the business." He has performed for us in the past as part of the Gryphon Trio, and now returns as a solo pianist.

The final concert of the season on Sunday, Oct. 20, will feature the musical high jinks of soprano Mary Lou Fallis and pianist Peter Tiefenbach in Fallis & Tiefenbach: More or Less LIVE in Haliburton! Lots of fun and laughter, as well as great music.

Tickets are now available in more ways than ever. The traditional subscription for all three concerts is $60 for adults and $25 for students. This year we've added a two-concert subscription, with your choice of two of the three concerts, for $50. And single tickets are available for all three concerts – $30 for adults and $10 for students. Contact Fred Shuttleworth at 705-455-9060 or fred.ann.shuttleworth@gmail.com for tickets and more information.

All concerts take place at 2:30 p.m. in the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton. Yummy refreshments provided by members of the organizing committee are served at intermission, and the performers will be available to chat with audience members at the end of the concert.

Further details can be found on our website: www.haliburtoncs.blogspot.com.

We are grateful to the Ontario Arts Council for their generous support of our season.

Submitted by the Haliburton Concert Series

Scam costs victim $8,000

An area resident lost more than $8,000 after being scammed by someone pretending to be from the CIBC bank fraud division.

Haliburton Highlands OPP is warning the public to be aware of the fraud, which involved convincing the victim to purchase Google Play cards.

On Thursday, Feb. 14, the scammer made a call to the victim pretending to work for the bank.

"The victim was told that bank accounts had been compromised and was then requested to help with the capture of suspects. The victim was manipulated into providing access to a personal computer and into providing banking information. This allowed the scammers to access personal accounts, and freely move money within the accounts," a press release from the OPP states.

"The victim was told money had been deposited into their bank account and was then asked to withdraw money equivalent to the deposit and purchase the equivalent value in Google Play cards."

This complicated scenario was intended to trick the victim into believing they were helping to catch scammers, rather than being scammed.

It turned out that the money the victim believed was deposited into their account, was actually just moved out of one of their additional accounts, which means the money spent on Google Play cards was not deposited by the bank's fraud division, but was actually the victim's own money.

Const. Tim Negus said the Haliburton Highlands OPP has had four instances of victims purchasing Google Play cards.

Regarding general fraud calls to police: "There have been 73 reported frauds since January 2018 to date. Approximately 60 were actual fraud related," he said.

The $8,000 was the highest amount lost on Google Play cards he had seen locally.

Police remind the public not to provide banking information to anyone claiming to work for the bank; if they call, they will already have your information. Be suspicious if a caller asks for personal information.

Never provide remote access to your computer. If you have a problem with your computer, contact a trusted service company you know to assist you.

For further information on past and current scams you can visit the Canadian Anti-Fraud website at www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/index-eng.htm or contact them by phone toll-free at 1-888-495-8501.

Staff

Robert Fisher to speak in Haliburton

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Business and community awards gala on the horizon

JENNIFER LOCKE
Chamber News

AS YOU HAVE probably heard, we are busy planning and executing the Chamber's annual gala right now. This unique event is in its 13th year, and continues to grow in popularity and community support. Our title sponsor is Heat-Line Freeze Protection Systems, and we appreciate their support as they enter their 30th anniversary year. I also wanted to extend my thanks to the members of the community who took part in the nomination process – stay tuned for our media blitz in early March with the final list of nominations.

Every year, the Chamber puts on this one-of-a-kind black-tie event where we give out 12 awards to businesses, organizations and members of the community. Our evening sponsors are Highland Glass and Windows and The Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre. The event will take place on March 30 at the Pinestone, where we will enjoy a fabulous reception featuring Nick and Benton, a wonderful meal, and a lovely evening as we announce the winners of each award. Our décor sponsor, ACM Designs is going to completely transform the space to be "A Night Under the Stars." ACM Designs always does lovely work, and I honestly can't wait to wow our guests.

There are two things I like most about this event. First, it presents an opportunity for us to showcase our membership through their support of the gala. Our media partners include the *Haliburton Echo, the Minden Times, The Highlander*, Moose FM and Canoe FM, and they have been working hard to promote this event for weeks. All of the awards at the gala, as well as the tables, are sponsored exclusively by our members. Every year, we also have a long list of Chamber members who are proud supporters, and who support the swag bags given to each guest.

The second reason I love this initiative is that the gala is a unique opportunity for members of the community, organizations and businesses to be recognized publicly for the excellent work that they do. Through the public nomination process, we can recognize people across the Haliburton Highlands. This is an important piece, as we have so many people with excellent businesses, who work hard in local non-profits, who spend their time and resources giving back to the community, and who generally contribute to making the Haliburton Highlands great. We truly believe that they deserve to be rewarded! As the Chamber Gala enters its 13th year, it has become a cornerstone event. This is in no small part due to the hard work of the volunteers that have sat on the gala committee. I want to publicly recognize and show my appreciation for all of their hard work and effort.

Again, stay tuned for our nomination announcements in early March. Like us on Facebook or follow us on Instagram to stay up to date on what we are up to. For more information on all things Chamber-related, go to our website at www.haliburtonchamber.com.

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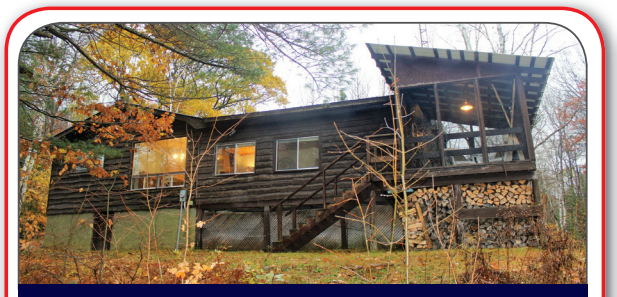

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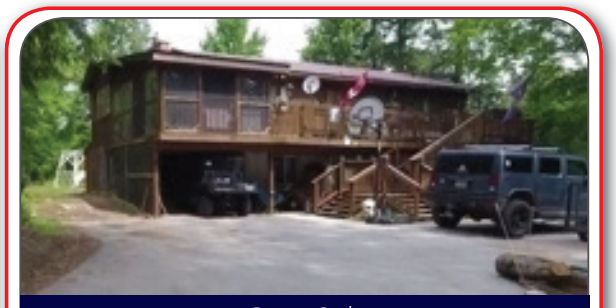

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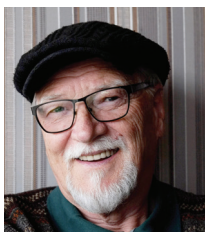
An interview with Rob Prouse

PERIPHERAL, A 2017 exhibition at the Quest Gallery in Midland, Ont. featured new works by Rod Prouse that took him out of the realm of traditional landscape artist, and into the world of storytelling. The new pieces were filled with flora and fauna, flotsam and jetsam around which Prouse created his narratives.

"That show was a game-changer for me," Prouse said in an interview for the *Midland Mirror*, in September of 2018. "For the last 10 years I wanted to move beyond the landscape and that's when it all came together." It came together to the extent that Prouse received a $15,000 grant from the Ontario Arts Council to continue his work.



GEORGE FARRELL
On Arts/Culture

Though he lives and works in his studio on Georgian Bay, Prouse comes to the Highlands so frequently that you could say he has honorary citizenship. I interviewed him recently at the home of his friend and frequent travel companion, local potter April Gates. We talked a bit about his background, the new direction of his work and the thinking behind it.

In 1947, Prouse's parents Hilda and Bill, with two-year-old Rod, moved from London, England to Toronto. Bill became a well-known printer in Toronto, and growing up young Rod learned many tricks of the printing trade from his father, which he later used in his own works.

"I learned techniques like masking and layering, which are the foundations of printing, and this thinking percolated slowly through my career," Prouse said.

In 1968 Rod graduated from the College of Art in Toronto where he majored in printmaking, silk screening and lithography. After a brief period of time spent in the commercial art field, he became a full-time artist. He moved to Halifax in 1972, where he began to exhibit his art to positive reviews. His first one-man show was in 1977 at the Canadian Fine Arts Gallery in Toronto where his paintings were very well received.

"Before 2004 when I decided to work big, I worked a lot on location, with multimedia techniques, using watercolours and oil pastels, and layering again. I was not a careful painter," Prouse said, "I wanted to capture the moment more. I went to oils and then acrylics, but I was traditional in building my paintings from the background to the foreground, putting in the highlights at the end. They were energetic but realistic landscapes."

"Later on I started to enjoy manipulating the images in non-conventional ways," Prouse said, "sometimes putting in the details first or flooding the canvas with expressionistic, hard-edge marks, and then turning them into recognizable shapes." Prouse uses rollers, squeegies, sponges, scrapers, and brushes to make his marks on the canvas.

"I then started to expand my concept by looking at the landscape as a stage, and the objects within the landscapes as players who had stories to tell," Prouse said. "A lot of art is replicating what's seen, but I'm painting about more of what is happening within," he explained. "People go to the beach and become beachcombers. The items that they collect tell a story and they become players in an ongoing play. So I'm painting about our relationships with nature."

Prouse has done a lot of travelling in his 50 years as an artist, including painting trips to the Caribbean, across Canada and the United States, creating images, in his inimitable fashion, that reflect the essence of every location.

Rod Prouse lives on Georgian Bay, but spends so much time in Haliburton he's an honorary resident. Prouse has been creating art for the last 50 years, exhibiting in the Highlands and around the world.

Prouse has taught art at the Haliburton School of Art + Design, and he's exhibited locally at the Ethel Curry, Agnes Jamieson and Rails End galleries, as well as galleries in Bancroft, North Bay, Ottawa, the West Coast and England.

"But I spend a lot of time here," Prouse said. "Haliburton is as much a home to me as where I live." Prouse was recently part of the Ice Cube Gallery which took place on the ice of Lake Kashagawigamog. You can see his paintings at www.rodprouse.com.

Top 10 reasons to buy wax fruit

WHEN I WAS a kid, wax fruit was far more common than it is now. In fact, I can't remember the last time I saw a bowl full. That's a shame because wax fruit was not just decorative. There was good reason for keeping some in the house. Here are my top 10 reasons to have some.

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

1. Watching a friend take a bite out of one is still one of the classic jokes.
2. Your dog will only steal from the bowl once.
3. A wax apple a day keeps the Madame Tussaud doctor away.
4. They can give you the edge in a food fight.
5. To help keep the wax fruit maker's art alive.
6. They're marginally better than wax vegetables.
7. If you ever want to take up candle making, you'll have the materials at hand.
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9. Tastes way better than plastic fruit.
10. To satisfy your pathological hatred of fruit flies.

Deer dine on seedy supper. /JENN WATT Staff

The Writers' Circle

A monthly feature of local creative writers' work

Julian Time

When our neighbours decided to go to Cuba for two of the coldest weeks in January, they were very clear about boarding their dog at the farm which offers such a good service that everyone with a dog uses it. But then there was their orange cat, Julian, a rescue from the local cat sanctuary. Cavalierly, without thinking through the possibilities, I said I'd be willing to come for an hour each of the days they were away, feed Julian and clean his litterbox, and sit for an hour working on my laptop, just for company. I would have silence and solitude – my two requirements for such writing. It seemed a sensible and productive decision.

The first day I went to the house at noon, Julian greeted me at the door with loud and continuous vocalizing. I could hear the protest in his voice. He waited until I removed my jacket and boots, then led me to the kitchen where his food dishes and water were. I renewed them and cleaned his litter. No break in the long protests. I set up my computer on the table in front of the fireplace with its full flame, and opened to a paper I was in the process of writing.

Before I could type even one key, Julian was on my lap, howling and rubbing against every part of my chest and arms. He didn't stop. When I hugged and held him, his cries got even more intense. Finally, I put him down and stood up.

"OK," I said, what do you want?" Without hesitation, and still crying loudly, he led me to the bedroom and jumped on the bed. Getting the picture now, I lay down full out, on my back. Immediately he jumped on my chest and turned around in a ball until he settled, crying all the time. Eventually he went to sleep, and so did I, with him still full out on my chest. After half an hour, he woke up, jumped to the floor, and began to cry again, looking at me and waiting. I got off the bed, and followed him – Julian looking behind at every step to make sure I was following. Right to his food bowl, but even as he ate, he looked at me between every bite. Then he led me back to the bedroom for another half hour of resting and napping, he settled fully on my chest, his head under my chin. Every now and then, he would lick my lips and nose.

This routine continued for nearly the full two weeks. By the third last day, he began to lead me downstairs after his meal, where he would hide behind the furniture and I would come down, calling his name and looking for him – after which he would race for the stairs and go up again. I assumed this was a game he played with his owners, and I considered it exercise, though after five up and downs, racing after Julian, I was winded and stopped. Back to the bed until we both were rested again.

I am still astounded by this mystery of Julian. After the second day I knew it was useless to bring my laptop. I followed his lead, every day, and whenever I opened the door he was waiting for me, calling loudly. Most of the hour was spent resting on the bed, he purring loudly on my chest for the whole time. I know that there is proven scientific research showing that a cat's purr has healing effects for pain, and other ailments. I was recovering from a very bad flu and chest infection, and I wonder was his purring a part of my healing...who knows? I certainly became better during the two weeks that I spent an hour a day with Julian.

"Julian Time" has become an understood phrase in our house. It means that I am going to take a little rest from the pressures of the day, and not push on beyond my fatigue limit. What an amazing gift this stray, very wounded cat, has given me – rescued and loved into health, he now returns it to anyone who is with him.

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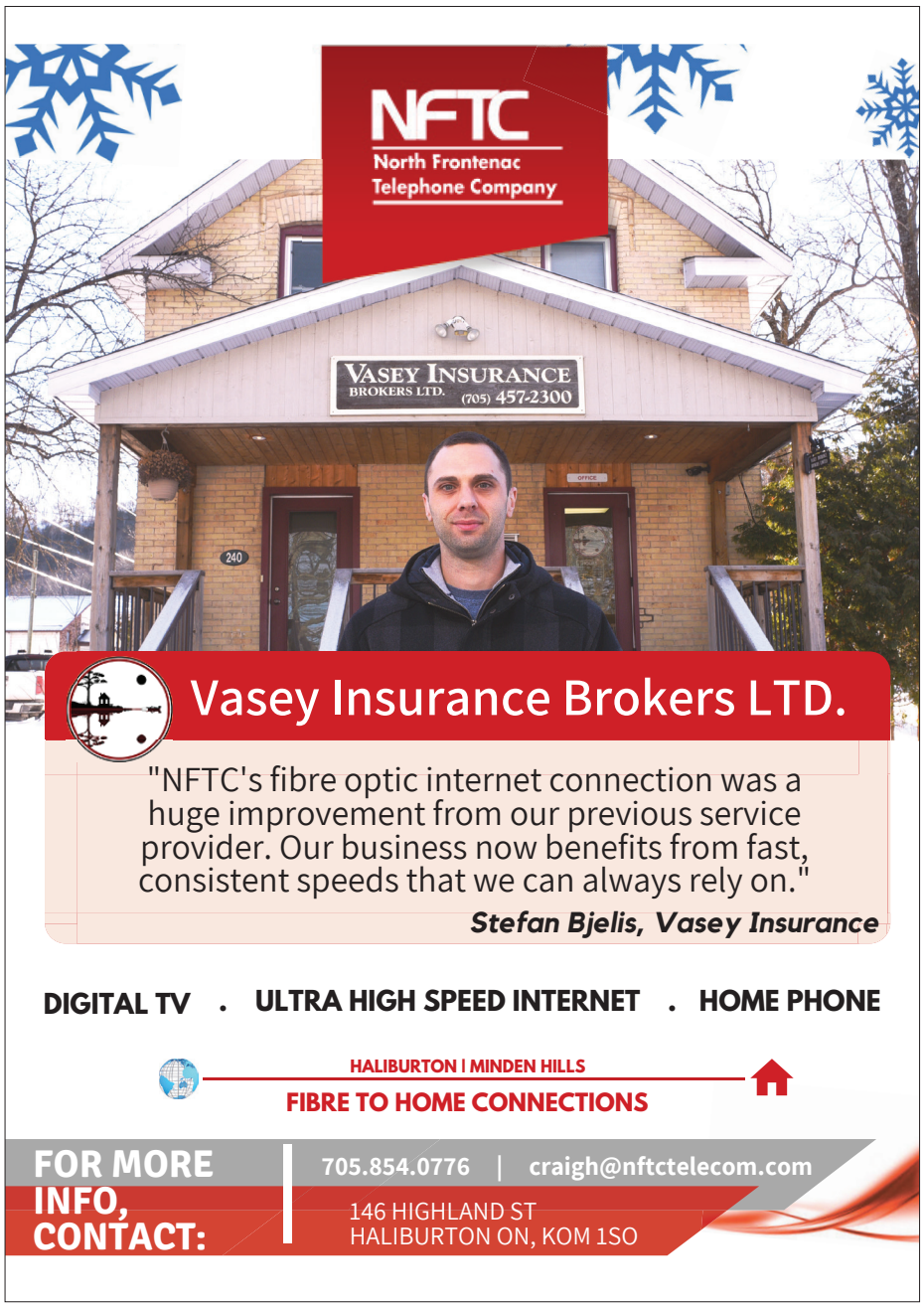
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Leila Cuba retreat

At the last Algonquin Highlands Writers Circle, Brenda, our facilitator, suggested writings with local and universal appeal are best. With this suggestion in mind I would like to share the following anecdote about the Leila Cuba Retreat, 2019.

This year, the Cuba Retreat included "leila," Sanskrit for "sacred play." My daughter accompanied me. She's an expressive art therapist and facilitated the leila portion of the retreat. Mornings included gentle yoga and meditation on the beach at sunrise. Late afternoons included pranayama, the practice of variations of breathing. And midmorning included leila.

And here is what "played" out for me one midmorning.

"Bring up a painful memory. Feel it in your body. Dance it. Draw or write about it."

I chose writing.
A small hand was raised
Teacher, teacher, please see me
Or I'll soil my pants;
A small hand not seen,
I soiled my pants so ashamed
Kept it in from friend;
Friend walked home for lunch
"Mom, secret, I soiled my pants"
"Secret safe with me";
Could I tell teacher?
Could I share with a friend?
And let go of shame?
A small hand went down
Beaten in world where shame rules
Relived healed in dance.

Reliving this early Grade 1 painful memory and sharing it with my daughter elicited tears from me and her. "Mom, you were so little and taking on so much!" And I shared this long-term memory at the last Algonquin Writers Circle in Haliburton. I received the healing benefits…. 60 years later.

Barbara Rosen is a member of the Algonquin Highlands Writers' Circle, a resonance writers group. For more information https://ahwriterscircleblog.wordpress.com

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The Difficulties of Free Stuff

Recently, on a Thursday, driving home from a free computer lesson at the library, I passed a sign "LUNCH IS ON US." SIRCH is serving lunch. I have just picked up painkillers for a friend and already feel a bit guilty about taking time for the computer class, which had turned out to be full of useful tips, so I thought I should pass on the free lunch. Then I decided to check it out, I stopped the car and turned around. At the door I met a very excited lady, holding her packed lunch, exclaiming: "there is so much food in there, they should announce it on Canoe." It certainly looked like it made her day.

Inside it turned out that indeed lunch was on SIRCH, to eat there or to take out. Thinking about my friend in pain, I decided to take out. There were three choices, I curiously chose a vegan dish, while I waited I was interviewed for a newspaper. "What do you think of this free lunch?"

I think it is fantastic, it is perfect timing, I needed a meal for one and had not planned anything yet and I can take soup for my friend. I am as excited as the lady I met outside.

But I don't say any of that. I start to analyze and realize that I feel guilty for getting a free lunch. So out of all the things I could have said, that is what comes out: "I always feel a bit guilty if I get free stuff." The rest of the day I feel regret about my answer. Where did the excitement go?

There is an expression in Dutch: "voor wat hoort wat," if you get something, you should give something back. I often tell other people who have a problem accepting a gift or a favour: "graciously accept and enjoy." I believe you don't always have to pay back in kind or in money but that Thursday, I found out I do not believe this goes for me.

I like free stuff, a complimentary newspaper at the farmers' market, a free item at the grocery store after a scanning error, a free sample. During a vacation in Hawaii, Rob and I would often drive by a coffee plantation and try a different coffee every time. A nice treat.

There is a bakery, in Toronto I believe, that has one outlet where they sell their bread for whatever you want to pay, giving people a chance to get the bread cheap or for free. In the article about it, one of the employees commented that people sometimes don't pay the full price when they obviously can afford to do so. Although I think this person missed the point completely, at the same time it made me wonder if the people at the coffee plantation saw us coming and commented behind our backs. "There is that couple again, at least they bought some chocolate covered macadamia nuts once." Or maybe they said: "there is that couple again, always smiling, they really enjoy their vacation." Or, most likely, they did not even notice us.

People judge, without knowing the whole story, or they don't give it another thought.

People like to give and like to do something nice for another.

I should listen to myself sometimes. Graciously accept and enjoy. Not a bad idea.

Anje Hilkers is a member of the Algonquin Highlands writers' circle see ahwriterscircleblog.wordpress.com

Alone in the universe

Unintended, these dark nights of winter are witness
To a restless Spirit inhabiting my house
Full moon illumines its way down the stairs
Shadows in the room fade as the increasing glow from the woodstove
Dances on the dark walls outlining recumbent cat bodies
Perched on the back of the couch, bearing witness...
A dark cowled figure approaches
Take my sleeve and follow me...
We float out into the moonlit night
Over rooftops and up amongst the attending stars
To a gigantic, lush, green lily pad
Spirit motions me to sit
Then she departs and leaves me there alone
on this lily pad
To ponder the Universe
Blinking stars, the moon and constant Venus...
What a beautiful infinite night sky
Am I truly alone Are we not at home wherever we find ourselves
Portending loneliness or solitude
There are no accidents Without you something would be missing in the universe Existence needs you
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When: Saturday, March 2, 2 to 5 p.m.
Where: Minden Legion
Lunch available to purchase from 12 to 2 p.m.
Meat Draw at 1 p.m.

St. George's Anglican Church - Pancake Supper
When: Tuesday, March 5, 5 to 7 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion Hall
All Welcome, No Charge
Free-Will donations to support: Volunteer Dental Outreach for Haliburton County

St. Patrick's Day Dinner/Dance Fundraiser
When: Saturday, March 16, 4 to 9 p.m. Dinner at 6 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion
Haliburton Legions Ladies Auxiliary hosts a dinner featuring Highland Trio. Dinner includes corn beef, cabbage, vegetables, dessert, tea/coffee.
For more details, please visit our website: haliburtonlegion.com

Land Trust Discovery Days, Reptile Road Show
When: Saturday, March 16, 10 a.m. start time until noon (arrive before 10 for registration)
Where: Haliburton Fish Hatchery
This is of our most popular events of the year! The knowledgeable folks from Scales Nature Park will bring their highly acclaimed outreach program to Haliburton once again, with a selection of interesting snakes and turtles for us to see, touch, and learn about. Tickets must be purchased before the event either online or in person at our office at 739 Mountain St. Haliburton. Pre-purchased tickets required. www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca or 705-457-3700 for tickets.
Cost: General admission: $15 per adult, $10 per child, family pass (up to two adults and two children) $35

Royal Canadian Legion, Haliburton Ladies Auxiliary Sunday Breakfast
When: Sunday, March 10, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (and every 2nd Sunday of the month)
Where: Haliburton Legion, Main Hall
Cost: $6.00
Menu: eggs or pancakes, bacon or sausage, hash browns, toast, orange juice, tea/coffee

No-Family Doctor Immunization Clinic
When: Wednesday, March 13
Where: Health unit office (191 Highland Street, Unit 301) in Haliburton
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To book an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 1507.

Meet the Dietitian
When: Thursday, March 14, 10 a.m. to noon
Where: Haliburton EarlyON Child and Family Centre (at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School, 1020 Grass Lake Rd.)
Join the Health Unit's Registered Dietitian to discuss feeding your infant, toddler and preschooler. Learn about healthy snacks for the whole family.
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When: Tuesday, March 19, 10 a.m. to noon
Where: Minden EarlyON Child and Family Centre (at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, 12 Vintage Cres.)
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Kinmount: Galway Community Centre
Monday: 10 a.m. to noon
Thursday: 10 a.m. to noon
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Schedule of classes also at taoist.org/peterborough

Table Tennis
When: Monday and Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Where: S.G. Nesbitt Community Centre, Minden
Cost is $3
Contact: Elisha Weiss, Community Development Coordinator, 705-286-2298 or eweiss@mindenhills.ca

Bid Euchre
When: Thursday, and every third Sunday, afternoons from 1 to 4 p.m.
Where: S.G. Nesbitt Community Centre, Minden
Cost is $3 on Thursdays and $8 on Sundays
Contact: Elisha Weiss, Community Development Coordinator, 705-286-2298 or eweiss@mindenhills.ca.

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When: Four Thursdays only (Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28) … so don't miss it!
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Line Dancing
When: Thursday mornings, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Where: Stanhope Firefighters' Community Hall
What: Enjoy exercising body and soul with weekly line dancing. Great physical activity for all levels of dancers. Beginners welcome.
Contact: Jacqui at Clancelinedance@gmail.com

Morning Glories Fitness
Where: Upstairs, A.J. LaRue Arena, Haliburton
When: Tuesday and Friday mornings, 8:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m.
Ladies fitness group for all levels
Contact: Jane 705-754-9996

Community Drum Circle
Wednesdays 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
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When: Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9:30 p.m.
Where: Haliburton High School Gym.
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Contact Jennifer Coates 705-749-3787 for further info.

Pickleball
When: Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Where: S.G. Nesbitt Community Centre, Minden
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Tuesday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Senior art group. 1 to 4 p.m., Bid Euchre,
Wednesday 12 - Meat Draws, 4 butcher quality meats for $1 a ticket. 1 to 4 p.m., Ladies Darts, 5 to 7 p.m. Calorie Counters.
Thursday 7 p.m. Darts. 7 p.m. Euchre
Friday Every second week, Karaoke with Fred and Linda, 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.
Saturday Special Lunch every week with meat Draw at 1 p.m.
Sunday Sports Day 12 to 4:30 p.m.

Branch 624, Wilberforce
Friday Free Pool 1:30pm
Ham & Scalloped Dinner 5-7pm
Saturday Meat draw 2 to 5 p.m. Early bird 3 p.m. Sharp!
Monday Bid Euchre 7 p.m.
Tuesday Executive Meeting 7 p.m.
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Thursdays: General Meeting third Thursday of the month, Mar throught Dec., starting at 7 p.m. All members urged to attend.
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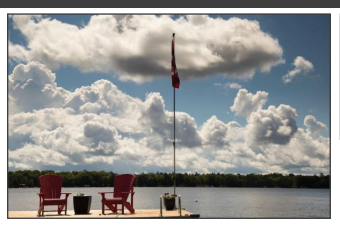

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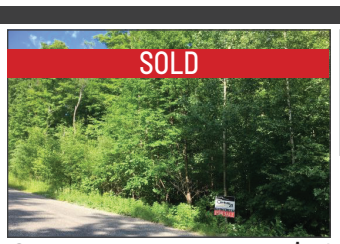

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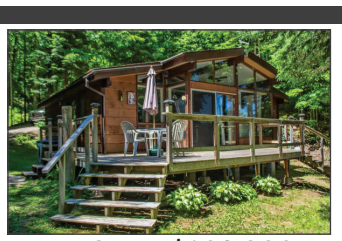

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Esson Creek $389,000

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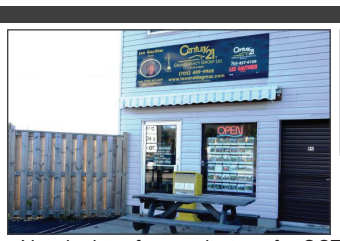

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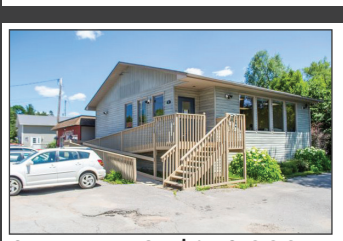

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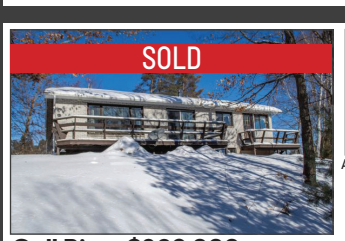
- Town sewers, drilled well



Andrew Hodgson***
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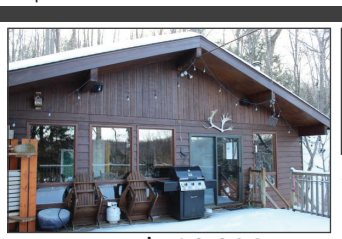
Gull River $369,000

- Lovely 3-bedroom or cottage
- Beautiful property, 350 ft of water frontage
- Deep off the shore, access to 3 lake chain



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& Andy Mosher**
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Long Lake $439,900

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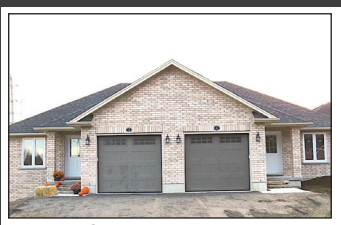

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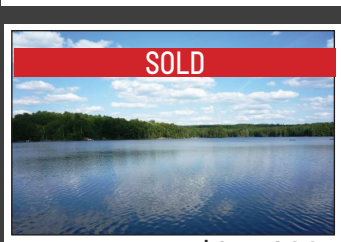

Kirsten Rae*
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West Lake Lot $255,900

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Hunter Creek Estates $129,000

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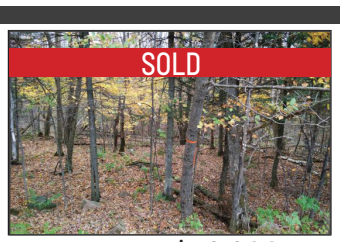

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Reynolds Rd $79,900

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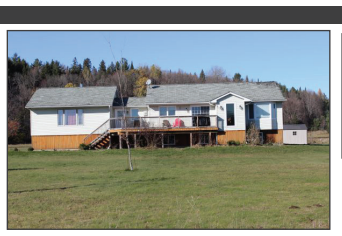

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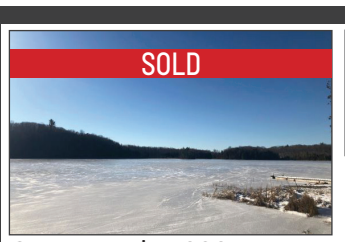

Andrea Wilson**
457-2128 x 25

Cedar Lake $74,000

- Picturesque & private, 4+ acre building lot
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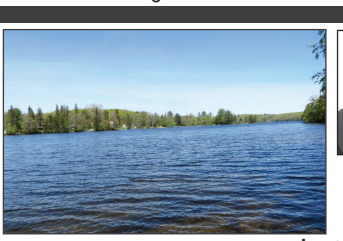

Mark Dennys*
457-0473

Kashagawigamog Lk Lt $469,000

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- Level Lot, NW Exp, 5 Lake Chain
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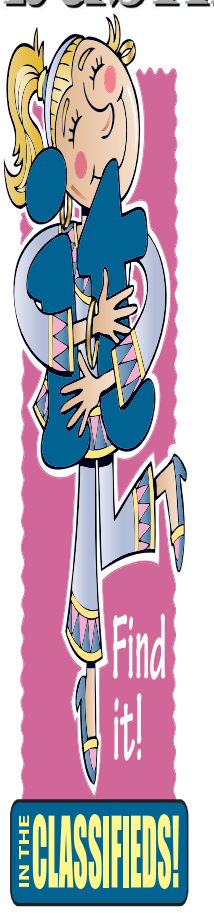

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Spending cuts not likely to be deep at board of education

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Haliburton school trustees have to shave just .5 per cent from their draft budget to give the province what it wants — no tax hike for the board's final year in power.

As Queen's Park prepares to chop the number of school boards in half and take over education funding, Education Minister John Snobelen has very clearly directed boards not to bump up their levies.

The board has also been told unofficially to expect the same level of provincial funding this year as it received in 1996.

That means Haliburton trustees will have to trim the board's preliminary budget of $17.32-million by about $88,000, or half a per cent, to bring it down to last year's spending level of $17.23-million.

"Basically, we're on a holding pattern right now," said the board's business administrator, Jim Bradley.

Unlike last year, parents and students shouldn't see any dramatic changes because of board cost-cutting measures for the year ahead.

The preliminary budget indicates estimated spending based on existing demands and includes funding requests from each school for capital expenditures and maintenance.

Trustees will likely look to those funding requests to find the small savings they need to come up with a zero increase in their final budget.

But until it gets official word from the province that its transfer payments will be held at the same level, the board doesn't plan on making any cuts.

"We've only been told these things. We haven't received anything in writing. So we're going sit and wait right now until we see what our grant structure is and go from there," Bradley said.

Since this is the last time trustees will have control over how money is spent on education in Haliburton County, this is "probably our most important budget," said chairwoman Cheryl Murdoch.

Before the board is dismantled, she said it's important that trustees do all they can with the resources they have to put the school system in the best position possible before it is merged with the boards of Muskoka and Victoria County.

But Dysart trustee Len Salvatori noted the board has little room to make any significant changes.

"This year we can't really commit to anything. We can't go above zero (per cent expenditure increase)," he said. "...

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The C word:

County council reacts angrily to Snowdon's threat to call in the Commissioner

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Snowdon Reeve George Simmons was strongly chastized by fellow county councillors for suggesting that his municipality may call in a provincial commissioner to overall the local political structure.

"It's too premature to talk about bringing anyone in," said Warden Murray Fearrey. The county and its 10 municipalities have started a process of re-organizing themselves from within, and Simmons hasn't given this process a chance to succeed, he said.

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HOLD ON: There were screams and laughter as family enjoyed all the winter fun at Camp Wanakita on Sunday. Tobogganing down Cardiac Hill was as popular as ever.

Barber report gets good marks from county council

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

County councillors gave their unanimous approval to adopt David Barber's draft report on spending efficiencies.

Municipal councils still have two weeks to comment on the report before it's accepted in its final form, but the general reaction at Wednesday's county council meeting was positive. There are questions about some of those figures, but consultant David Barber will resolve many of the problems in his final report due after the March 3 deadline for comments.

Warden Murray Fearrey was the most outspoken defender of the report, which sets benchmarks for per household spending on various municipal services in the county.

"This is an action plan (and I want county council) to accept it in principle and seriously look at making it work," he said in what was at times an angry response to criticism of the report. "The numbers may never be perfect but they indicate trends to work towards. Let's put personalities aside and get this resolved."

Fearrey also made a dig at municipal employees, primarily roads superintendents, who have disagreed with some of Barber's figures and calculations. "I don't think staff has the will (to implement) this, but they must work with the councils" and councils must take a leadership role.

The Barber report compares spending levels in each municipality and calculates a per household cost of services. Barber sets a spending level slightly higher than the lowest cost for each service as benchmarks for municipalities to strive towards.

In the current edition of Municipal World magazine, there's a three-page article on amalgamation. The author says amalgamation has never saved money and had favourable comments about using benchmarks.

Addressing council on Wednesday, Barber said many other counties have expressed interest in his study and asked for copies of the report, leading Cardiff Deputy-reeve Doug Holman to joke that if Barber gets more business because of

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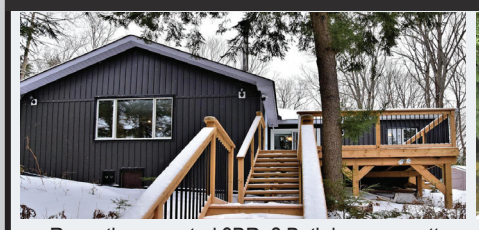
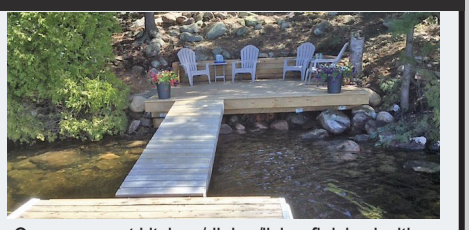

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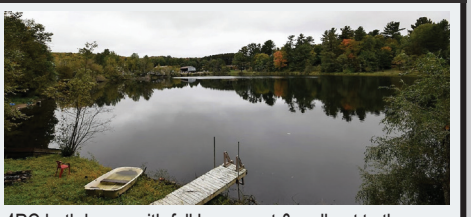

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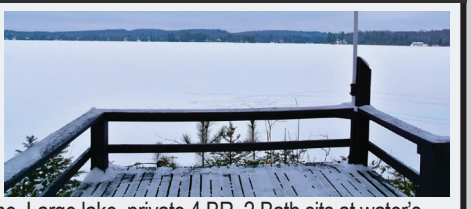

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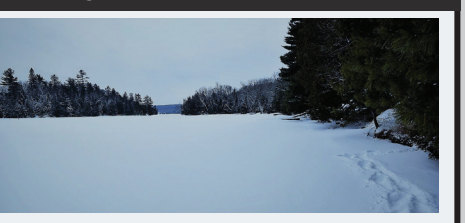
This large property is ideal for a family compound or may continue to operate as a rental property. Quality built 2 storey open concept 3BR homeincluding Large deck with hot tub, central vac, FAO heat, full basement. 5 cabins that currently rent. Level lot. 540 ft of clean shoreline. 14 acres. 2 storage sheds.

$1,300,000

CONTAU LAKE LOT



1.3 Acre lot, level at the road & gently sloping to quiet lake with a Crown Island and acreage across the lake. Private road, plowed, year round access. Hydro & phone available

$179,000

Are you ready to SELL?

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